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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22,
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1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE
PRINCIPALS. E, T, M, AND C DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

CHARLES W. ROBINSON

I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS OF LIBERIA, WHO WANTED
TO EXPLORE MORE FULLY THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT
EXISTS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LIBERIA. HIS PRIMARY OBJEC-
TIVE WAS TO EXTRACT FROM US A FORMAL STATEMENT EVIDENCING
THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON INCREASED
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. WE WILL BE STUDYING WAYS IN WHICH
WE CAN RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST TO MEET PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S
NEED TO REASSURE HIS PEOPLE THAT IT WAS A WORTHWHILE VISIT.

I MET WITH BARTHOLOMEW AND RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM
BOB FRI OF ERDA AND CHUCK PERCY ON THE QUESTION OF
NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION. WE ARE CONTINUING

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TO MAKE PROGRESS IN OUR EFFORTS TO RECONCILE ADMINISTRA-

TION AND CONGRESSIONAL POSITIONS AND WE MAY BE ABLE TO REACH A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THIS CRITICAL PROBLEM DURING THE CURRENT SESSION ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT YET ASSURED.

I LUNCHEDED WITH SEIDMAN AND ZARB TO DISCUSS HOW WE SHOULD DEAL WITH OPEC EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A SIGNIFICANT OIL PRICE INCREASE IN DECEMBER. WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT THE SAUDIS ARE THE KEY FACTOR AND THE USG POSITION ON THE ARAB BOYCOTT AND ARMS SUPPLY WILL BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN INFLUENCING THE SAUDI ATTITUDE ON THE PRICE QUESTION.

I ATTENDED A MEETING IN THE WHITE HOUSE WITH SCOWCROFT, LYNN, CANNON AND FRI TO CONSIDER ADMINISTRATION STRATEGY WITH REGARD TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION. IT WAS AGREED THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK A SATISFACTORY COMPROMISE WITH CONGRESS AS DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT. WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS WITH A BILL THAT PUTS NRC IN ITS PROPER PLACE AND WITH SIMULTANEOUS PASSAGE OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL ASSURANCE ACT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

ALSO DURING THE DAY: SMALL GROUP MEETING AND IN THE AFTERNOON DEPARTED FOR NEW YORK CITY TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND WILL REMAIN OVERNIGHT AS A HOUSE GUEST OF DAVID ROCKEFELLER.

FROM HABIB:

I WAS IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH TAP BENNETT, SAM LEWIS AND ART HARTMAN ON THE HANDLING OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION ON THE UNGA AGENDA.

I ALSO RECEIVED COURTESY CALLS BY THE YEMENI ARAO REPUBLIC AMBASSADOR, AL-MURAWAKKIL AND ISRAELI PARLIAMENTARIAN DOV ZAKIN.

IN ADDITION, I MET WITH GEORGE VEST AND ROY ATHERTON TO DISCUSS OUR ARMS POLICY WITH REGARD TO THE SMALL PERSIAN GULF ARAB STATES. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING
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